



MICHIGAN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Freshman to Sophomore
Scheduling Presentation

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Early
College

Serving students with last names beginning with letters...

A-D

E-Ji

Jo-O

P-Sl

Sm-Z

Student Learning Objective

Students will review 2025-2026 course options and complete a rough draft of their personal selections.

Students can expect the following outline for our presentation:

1. Check graduation requirements
2. Select required academics and electives for graduation
3. Record electives and alternates to fill all eight periods plus four backups.
4. Look at [course guidebook](#) for course descriptions.

Graduation Requirements

Bucket 1

Diploma

Bucket 2

Employability
Skills

Bucket 3

Postsecondary
Readiness

Bucket 1

Diplomas:

- ★ Core 40
- ★ Academic Honors
- ★ Technical Honors

Core 40 Diploma

- 8 English Credits
- 6 Math Credits (in specific math courses)
- 6 Science Credits (in specific math courses)
- 6 Social Study Credits (in special social studies courses)
- 2 PE Credits
- 1 Health Credit
- 1 Personal Financial Responsibility Credit
- 5 Direct Elective Credits
- 5 Additional Elective Credits

40 Credits

Academic Honors

Complete all requirements for Core 40 +

- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 world language credits
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits
- Complete 1 of the following: (1) earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses + take AP exams; (2) earn 6 approved DC credits; (3) composite score of 1250 or higher on SAT, min 560 math and min 590 on evidence based read/write; (4) composite score of 26 or higher on ACT, complete written section; (5) earn 4 credits in IB + IB exams

* GPA of "B" or better AND earn a "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma*

Technical Honors

Complete all requirements for Core 40 +

- Earn 6 credits in the college and career preparation courses and one of the following: (1) Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential; (2) Earn 6 DC in designated pathway
- Complete one of the following: (1) Any one of the options for Academic Honors; (2) Earn the following on WorkKeys: Workplace Documents - Level 6; Applied Math - Level 6, and Graphic Literacy - Level 5; (3) Earn at least Writing 80, Reading 90 and Math 75 on Accuplacer; (4) Earn Algebra 66, Writing 70, and Reading 80 on Compass

* GPA of "B" or better AND earn a "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma*

Bucket 2

★ Project Based

Learning

- History of Chicago
- History of Sports
- History of Rock and Roll
- PLTW Civil Engineering or Computer Integrated Manufacturing

★ Service Based

Learning

- JROTC
- Band/Chorus
- Sport
- Club
- Peer Tutor

★ Work Based

Learning

- AK Smith
- Employment
- JAG

Bucket 3

- ★ Academic or Technical Honors diploma
- ★ SAT or ACT Score
- ★ ASVAB (if going into the military)
- ★ CTE Concentrator (6 NLPS classes; C average)
- ★ State and Industry Recognized Certification
- ★ AP/DC Courses (3 classes; C average)
- ★ Art or Music Pathway (locally approved)

GPA

1. What does GPA stand for?
2. What makes up your GPA?
3. What is the difference between your quarter GPA and your Cumulative GPA?
4. Why should your GPA be important to you?

Core

Core classes are designed for the college/career bound student on track for the Core 40 Diploma. Core classes are based on a 4.0 GPA scale.

Honors

Honors classes are designed for the college/career bound student and are more rigorous than the core level. Honors courses are on a 4.5 GPA scale.

Dual Credit (DC)-

courses in which high school students have the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously. Dual credit courses are taught by credentialed high school faculty, adjunct college faculty or college faculty either at the high school, at the college or university, or sometimes through online courses or distance education. DC courses are on a 5.0 GPA scale and the grade received will appear on both the high school and college transcript.

Advanced Placement (AP)-

Are college-level courses and exams for high school students. American colleges and universities often grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations. The AP curriculum for each of the various subjects is created for the College Board by a panel of experts and college-level educators in that field of study . AP courses are on a 5.0 GPA scale.

Postsecondary Options

- 4 Year College
- 2 Year College
- Certification Programs
- Trade Schools
- Apprenticeship Programs
- Military
- Workforce



One Year of College Credit at MCHS!



Students must take at least one course from each of the six categories below (no more than 12 credits from each category) & earn a total of 30 credits from this page.

Yellow: MCHS Course

Gray: University Course

Suggested Grade Level

QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Finite Mathematics	MTH500/501	3 credits	MATH 135	Finite Math	Grades 11-12
Pre-Calculus	MTH400	3 credits	MATH 136	College Algebra	Grades 11-12
Trigonometry	MTH401	3 credits	MATH 137	Trig with Analytic Geometry	Grades 11-12
Calculus	MTH402/403	5 credits	MATH 211	Calculus I	Grade 12
Quant. Reasoning	MTH408/411	3 credits	MATH 123	Quantitative Reasoning	Grades 11-12

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL WAYS OF KNOWING

US History	HST302	3 credits	HIST 105	American History I	Grades 10-11
US History	HST303	3 credits	HIST 106	American History II	Grades 10-11
US Gov DC	HST404	3 credits	POLS 103	Introduction to American Government and Politics	Grade 12

HUMANISTIC & ARTISTIC WAYS OF KNOWING

Creative. Writ. DC	ENG453	3 credits	ENGL 202	Creative Writing	Grades 11-12
Intro to Lit. DC	ENG452	3 credits	ENGL 206	Introduction to Literature	Grades 11-12
French III (S1)	WLD202	4 credits	FREN 101	French Level I	Grades 11-12
French III (S2)	WLD207	4 credits	FREN 102	French Level II	Grades 11-12
French IV (S1)	WLD203	3 credits	FREN 201	French Level III	Grade 12
French IV (S2)	WLD208	3 credits	FREN 202	French Level IV	Grade 12
German III (S1)	WLD302	4 credits	GERM 101	German Level I	Grades 11-12
German III (S2)	WLD307	4 credits	GERM 102	German Level II	Grades 11-12
German IV (S1)	WLD303	3 credits	GERM 201	German Level III	Grade 12
German IV (S2)	WLD308	3 credits	GERM 202	German Level IV	Grade 12
Spanish III	WLD102	4 credits	SPAN 101	Spanish Level I	Grades 11-12
Spanish III	WLD107	4 credits	SPAN 102	Spanish Level II	Grades 11-12
Spanish IV	WLD103	3 credits	SPAN 201	Spanish Level III	Grade 12
Spanish IV	WLD108	3 credits	SPAN 201	Spanish Level IV	Grade 12

SCIENTIFIC WAYS OF KNOWING

Biology II	SCI250/251	3 credits	BIO 100	Humans & the Biological World	Grades 10-12
Chemistry II	SCI350/351	3 credits	CHEM 101	Elementary Chemistry	Grades 11-12

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Eng. Composition DC	ENG450	3 credits	ENGL 111	English Composition	Grades 11-12
Rhetoric & Argument DC	ENG451	3 credits	ENGL 215	Rhetoric & Argument	Grades 11-12

SPEAKING & LISTENING

Advanced Speech	ENG008	3 credits	COMM 101	Fund. Of Public Speaking	Grades 10-12
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Green Font: Ivy Tech

Black Font: Indiana University

ICC: Indiana College Core

What do most colleges want to see?

- **4th year Math**
- **Taking classes related to your desired major**
 - **School Report**
- **Rigor**
 - **Honors/AP/DC**
- **High Test Scores**
 - **SAT/ACT**

Discuss specific college requirements with your counselor and do the research!!

Time to Schedule!

1. Follow along and fill in your sheet as we go!
2. You are expected to bring your sheet back with you when you meet with your counselor!

10th Grade Sample Schedule

1. English 10 (Core, Honors, or AP) (2 Semesters)
2. Geometry (Core or Honors) (2 Semesters)
3. ICP, Chemistry, or Physics (Core or Honors) (2 Semesters)
4. Personal Financial Responsibility (1 credit) and 1 Elective
5. Elective
6. Elective
7. Elective
8. Elective

Core and AP English Options

- ★ English 10 (2 Semesters)
- ★ English 10 Honors (2 Semesters)
- ★ AP Seminar (2 Semesters)

Core/Honors Math Options

- ★ Geometry (2 Semesters)
- ★ Geometry Honors (2 Semesters)
- ★ Algebra II (2 Semesters)
- ★ Algebra II Honors (2 Semesters)

Algebra I, if failed.

Core/Honors Science Options

- ★ **Integrated Chemistry and Physics (2 Semesters)**
- ★ **Chemistry I (2 Semesters)**
- ★ **Chemistry Honors (2 Semesters)**
- ★ **Physics I (2 Semesters)**

NLPS PATHWAYS

NLPS Classes

- ★ Career based classes
- ★ EVERY student should take a “Principles” course freshman or sophomore year
- ★ Used to fulfill Bucket 3 requirements
 - May be a back-up plan for some
- ★ Must complete the career pathway to fulfill Bucket 3
 - Receive a “C” average in the courses

Art Pathway

★ **Intro to Business (1 Semester) OR
Principles of Business (2 Semesters)**

★ **Introduction to 2D Art (1 Semester)**

★ **Choose 1 of the following:**

- **Drawing I**
- **Sculpture I**
- **Painting I**
- **Fiber Arts I**
- **Photo I**
- **Visual Communications I**

★ **Advanced 2D Art (1 Semester) OR
Photography III (1 Semester)**

★ **Choose 3 other art classes**

★ **Teach Assist (1 Semester)**

Music Pathway

- ★ **Intro to Business (1 Semester) OR Principles of Business (2 Semesters)**
- ★ **Beginning Band OR Beginning Choir (2 Semesters)**
- ★ **Intermediate Band OR Intermediate Choir (2 Semesters)**
- ★ **Advanced Band or Advanced Choir or City Singers (2 Semesters)**
- ★ **Teacher Assist (1 Semester)**

Accounting

- ★ Principles of Business Management (2 Semester)
- ★ Accounting Fundamentals (2 Semester)
- ★ Advanced Accounting (2 Semester)

Business Admin

- ★ Principles of Business Management (2 Semester)
- ★ Management Fundamentals (2 Semester)
- ★ Accounting Fundamentals (2 Semester)

Marketing

- ★ Principles of Business Management (2 Semester)
- ★ Marketing Fundamentals (2 Semester)
- ★ Digital Marketing (2 Semester)

Biomedical Sciences and Technology

- ★ Principles of Biomedical Sciences (2 Semester)
- ★ Human Body Systems OR Anatomy & Physiology (2 Semester)
- ★ Medical Interventions (2 Semester)

Computer Science

- ★ Principles of Computing (2 Semesters)
- ★ Topics in Computer Science (2 Semesters)
- ★ Computer Science (2 Semesters)

Cybersecurity

- ★ Principles of Computing (2 Semesters)
- ★ Cybersecurity Fundamentals (2 Semesters)
- ★ Advanced Cybersecurity (2 Semesters)

Digital Design

- ★ Principles of Digital Design (2 Semester)
- ★ Digital Design Graphics (2 Semester)
- ★ Interactive Media Design (2 Semester)

Early Childhood Education

- ★ Principles of Early Childhood Education (2 Semester)
- ★ Early Childhood Education Curriculum (2 Semester)
- ★ Early Childhood Education Guidance (2 Semester)

Engineering

- ★ Introduction to Engineering Design (2 Semester)
- ★ Principles of Engineering (2 Semester)
- ★ Civil Engineering & Architecture (2 Semester) or Computer Integrated Manufacturing (2 Semester)

Fashion, Textiles, and Design

- ★ Principles of Fashion and Textiles (2 Semester)
- ★ Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising (2 Semester)
- ★ Advanced Textiles (2 Semester)

Electives

Science Electives

★ Forensic Science

- Prerequisite: Biology and Chemistry

★ Botany

- Prerequisite: Biology

★ Global Environmental Change

- Prerequisite: Chemistry or ICP

★ Human Genetics

- Prerequisite: Biology and Algebra

★ Earth & Space Astronomy

- Prerequisite: Biology

★ Earth & Space Meteorology

- Prerequisite: Biology

World Language Electives

- ★ French
- ★ German
- ★ Japanese
- ★ Spanish
 - Heritage Language (Spanish 1st language)
- ★ Linguistics (does not count as a language)

Some colleges require two years of a world language.

Art Electives

- ★ Intro 2D Art
- ★ Photography I
- ★ Photography II
- ★ Photography III
- ★ Drawing I
- ★ Drawing II
- ★ Visual Communication I
- ★ Visual Communication II
- ★ Printmaking I
- ★ Painting I
- ★ Painting II
- ★ Sculpture I
- ★ Sculpture II
- ★ Fiber Arts I
- ★ Fiber Arts II

Music Electives

- ★ Beginning Concert Band (2 Semesters)
- ★ Intermediate Concert Band (2 Semesters)
- ★ Jazz Ensemble I (1 Semester)
- ★ Jazz Ensemble II (1 Semester)
- ★ Instrumental Ensemble (1 Semester)
- ★ Beginning Chorus (2 Semesters)
- ★ Intermediate Chorus (2 Semesters)
- ★ City Singers (2 Semesters)
- ★ Vocal Jazz (1 Semester)
- ★ Applied Music (1 Semester)
- ★ Piano & Electric Keyboard I (1 Semester)
- ★ Piano & Electric Keyboard II (1 Semester)

Music Electives

- ★ **Electronic Music**
- ★ **Music History & Appreciation**
- ★ **Musical Theater**
- ★ **Music Theory & Composition**

English Electives

- ★ Journalism (1 Semester)
- ★ Speech (1 Semester)
- ★ Theater Arts (1 Semester)
- ★ Advanced Theater Arts (1 Semester)
 - Prerequisite: Theater with C or better
- ★ AP Seminar (2 Semesters)
- ★ Student Publications: Yearbook (2 Semesters)
 - Application required

English Electives

- ★ **Student Publications: Newspaper (2 Semesters)**
- ★ **Student Media/Announcements/MCHS TV (2 Semesters)**

Social Studies Electives

- ★ Indiana Studies (1 Semester)
- ★ Ethnic Studies (1 Semester)
- ★ African Studies (1 Semester)
- ★ Current Events (1 Semester)
- ★ AP Human Geography (2 Semesters)
- ★ AP World History (2 Semesters)
- ★ World History & Civilization (2 Semesters)

Semester Long Career and Tech Electives

- ★ **Personal Financial Responsibility**
- ★ **Intro to Business**
- ★ **Digital Applications & Responsibilities**

Year Long Career and Tech Electives

- ★ Intro to Entrepreneurship
- ★ Intro to Construction
- ★ Robotics Design & Innovation
- ★ Compressed Air Academy 1
- ★ Compressed Air Academy 2
- ★ Introduction to Agriculture
- ★ Business Math

Family and Consumer Sciences

★ **Adult Roles and Responsibilities**

★ **Child Development**

★ **Advanced Child Development**

- **Prereq: Child Development**

★ **Nutrition & Wellness**

★ **Advanced Nutrition & Wellness**

- **Prereq: Nutrition & Wellness**

★ **Interpersonal Relationships**

★ **Introduction to Housing and
Interior Design**

★ **Intro to Culinary (2 Semester)**

Health & Physical Education

- ★ Health (1 Semester - Required)
- ★ PE (2 Semesters - Required)
- ★ Strength Training (1-2 Semesters)
 - Prerequisite: PE (2 Semesters)
- ★ Team Sports (1-2 Semester)
 - Prerequisite: PE (2 Semesters)

Multidisciplinary

- ★ Peer Tutoring
 - Prerequisite: Approval by teacher; B average
- ★ JROTC